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Title: MANNER OF ATTACHING COMPONENT ELEMENTS TO FILTRATION
MATERIAL SUCH AS MAY BE UTILIZED IN RESPIRATORY MASKS

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Introductory Comments

This is in reply to the Final Rejection mailed August 12, 2004. Reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.